



**To: Julie Magee, Commission Chair
Members of the Commission**

**From: Marshall Stranburg, Litigation Committee Chair
Clark Snelson, Litigation Committee Vice-Chair
Mark Wainwright, Litigation Committee Vice-Chair**

Re: Litigation Committee Report for First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2015

Date: December 12, 2014

Litigation Committee

The Litigation Committee met during the Commission's July 2013 annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The meeting was chaired by Clark Snelson, and the agenda included (1) a congressional update from Roxanne Bland, MTC Counsel, (2) a U.S. Supreme Court update from Helen Hecht, MTC General Counsel, and (3) a discussion of one of the state tax cases to be heard by the Court in its 2015 term by representatives of Colorado, Grant Sullivan and Phil Horwitz, the *Direct Marketing Association v. Broil*, petition granted July 1, 2014. The meeting was adjourned following these presentations so that members could attend the information and training session for state tax attorneys, where attendees heard presentations on state litigation of multistate interest. Attendance was up again at this meeting, in keeping with a recent trend. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 9-12 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Paul Mines Award

The late C.A. Daw, chief counsel for the Montana Department of Revenue, who lost a battle with cancer in May of this year, was awarded the 2014 Paul Mines Award for Contribution to State Tax Jurisprudence. His wife, Mari, was present to accept to the award.